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1. AT SUGGESTION OF FRENCH, US AND UK MISOFFS JOINED WITH FRENCH DEC 5 TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF NAMIBIA IN SC.
 2. BOTH FRENCH AND BRITISH EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH MEETINGS CHAIRED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE IN WAHSINGTON, INDICATING THAT THEY LOOF FORWARD TO CONTINUING DIALOGUE IN NY.
 3. FRENCH REPORTED ON RECENT MESSAGES FROM THEIR AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA, TO WHOM SOUTH AFRICANS HAD POINTED OUT THAT ELECTIONS IN JANUARY WERE NEXT STEP ENVISAGED IN SELF-DETERMINATION OF SOUTHWEST AFRICAN PEOPLES, RPT PEOPLES. SAG HAD TOLD FRENCH THEY HAD NO INTENTION TO ANNEX SOUTHWEST AFRICA. BRITISH NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR BOTTOMLEY HAD BEEN TOLD BY FOURIE THAT QUESTION OF NAMIBIA HAD
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BEEN DISCUSSED BY VORSTER WITH THREE BLACK AFRICAN LEADRES, AND

THAT SOUTH AFRICA FORESEES NAMIBIA'S FATE AS BEING DETERMINED AS INTEGRAL WHOLE.

3. TURNING TO DRAFT RES (USUN 5550), UK SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON EXPRESSING BRITISH "WISH TO ABSTAIN WITH US AND FRANCE." BRITISH WERE TOLD THAT THEY COULD DISCUSS WITH AFRICANS TYPE OF LANGUAGE UK WOULD DESIRE, BUT NOT TO ENGAGE IN DRAFTING. BRITISH COULD VOTE YES ON DRAFT RES WERE US AND FRANCE TO DO SO, BUT UK HAS TWO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WITH DRAFT: A) TIMETABLE IS TOO SHORT AND B) UN ROLE IS UNCLEAR. BRITISH BELIEVE BEST RESULT WOULD BE A CONSENSUS AGREEMENT ON A RES WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SOME REFERENCE TO A TIMETABLE, BUT A TIMETABLE WHICH WOULD PROVE ACCEPTABLE TO SOUTH AFRICA. PREDICTABLY, BRITISH ALSO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH REFERENCE TO ICJ ADVISORY OPINION.

4. BRITISH AND FRENCH AGREED CONCERNING DESIRABILITY OF LEARNING FROM SOUTH AFRICANS WHETHER ANY REFERENCE TO A TIMETABLE FRAMEWORK WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. SCALI

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